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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Mike Rice, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, July 24, 2014

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – County Supervisor District 5
Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedics Agencies Committee
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
DeMers, CDR, Gerard – Military Agencies
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)
Green, Katy – County Supervisor District 1
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – County Supervisor District 4
Marugg, Jim – San Diego County Paramedics Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Rice, Mike – Ambulance Association of San Diego County
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Fire Districts Association
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

In Attendance

Allington, Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Fickas, Lance – Express Ambulance
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Peterson, Brad – Santee Fire Department
Pierce, Jodie – SD Fire Department
Yates, Judith – Hosp. Assoc. of
S.D./Imperial Co.

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Buttron, Patrick
Gardina, Les
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Levenson, Jim
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Katy Green, seconded by Christine Wells to approve the minutes from June 26, 2014. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

No report.

B. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

1. Disaster Healthcare Exercises

- San Diego hospital disaster partnerships will participate in the airport drill exercise on October 8, 2014.
- The hospital partnerships will also participate this week in the Coastguard/Lifeguard radiation drill.
- Hospitals are preparing for the Statewide Medical Health Exercise on November 20, 2014.

2. Annex D Review and Approval – Patrick Buttron

The EMCC Disaster Subcommittee discussed and reviewed the Annex D Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Operations plan. Comments from the subcommittee were reviewed.

- There were no major content changes to the plan.
- Grammar and punctuation was corrected.
- Sheriff's Communication Center (Station M) that has been providing notification and transfer of calls for EMS Duty Officers will no longer take Duty Officer calls after this summer. They will continue to provide the service until a solution and communication method has been established for the County Departments. The contract change will be incorporated into the Annex D appendix.
- Ambulance coordinator language was changed for consistency throughout the document.
- Language was clarified regarding a disaster service area military location.

A motion was made by Jim Marugg, seconded by Christine Wells to accept the changes and move the document forward to OES and the Operation Review Committee. Motion carried.

C. Education and Research Subcommittee

No report.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

- A. A cooperative program with the Sheriff Department to administer naloxone to apparent opiate overdoses is being reviewed. Sheriff Deputies who often arrive first to the scene are allowed to administer naloxone intranasally to apparent overdose individuals.
- B. There continues to be drug shortages. If you have a normal saline shortage and have no other source, call EMS.
- C. PulsePoint application for Smart phones goes live in the County on Monday. Individuals that know CPR and sign up for the app will be notified and given direction when there is a cardiac arrest in the vicinity. The application is to also give direction on the nearest AED location.
- D. There are close to 900 cases of pertussis reported for the year. It is important for healthcare workers to receive a booster vaccine with Tetanus Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine to prevent transmission.

VI. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

- A. The following three EMS Authority documents are out for public comment:
 - Guidelines for Pediatric interfacility transport programs with updates to EMS Guideline 181. Third public comment period is from July 21 to August 6.
 - Guideline for Interfacility Pediatric Trauma and Critical Care Consultation and or transfer; EMSA Guideline 183. Public comment time period is July 21 to August 6.
 - California State Trauma Plan is out for public comment and has a 45 day public comment period of July 14 through Aug 26.

You can access information regarding public comment dates and forms through the California EMS Authority website.

- 2. Lou Meyer, Project Coordinator at the State EMS Authority, sent out information on the Community Paramedicine pilot projects public hearing on July 30, 2014. The hearing will address issues brought up during the previous public hearing. Approval of the pilot projects by the OSHPD Director has been postponed until November.
- B. In celebration of the 30th year of the Trauma System there will be a Padre's game at Petco Park on August 29, 2014, 7:10 pm with the Padres playing the Dodgers. There is a discount code to buy tickets for the event.
- C. July 28, 2014 will be the last meeting of the Community focus group for

Prehospital IT assessment. The meeting will take place at EMS from 1 pm – 3 pm.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Fees – Marcy Metz

The EMS fee implementation plan is still under consideration at HHSA.

B. The 5th Annual Disaster Partnership Conference hosted by Sharp is on July 29, 2014. Registration is at 7:30 am, location is at Sharp Spectrum. Currently there are 75 people registered; there is no charge to attend.

1. Highlighted disaster projects:

- Palomar, Kaiser and Children's will speak about sheltering in place during the May wildfire.
- CDR DeMers will talk about a research project with military families on their level of disaster preparedness.
- A summary will be given about the violent encounter drill exercised prior to the opening of the new emergency department at Scripps Encinitas.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next EMCC meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Submitted by

Janet I. Wolchko, Administrative Secretary III

County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services